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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, BA  
SUBJECT: BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE REQUEST FOR RANGER TRAINING  
REF: (A) MANAMA 0477 (B) MANAMA A-28

1. ARMY ADVISES THAT SEVEN COPIES OF STUDENT PACKET, ONE COPY OF RANGER PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION, AND INFORMATION SHEETS 1 AND 2 HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. NO CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN APRIL. HOWEVER, FOUR SPACES ARE AVAILABLE IN CLASS REPORTING MAY 6, 1975 AND ENDING JULY 10, 1975. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, DA WILL PROCEED TO PREPARE LETTER OF OFFER FOR SALES CASE COVERING ENROLLMENT FOUR BAHRAINI STUDENTS. LETTER OF OFFER WILL BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO POST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE NOTE THAT REPORTING DATE OF MAY 6 IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CLASSES.

3. INFO REQUESTED REF A CONCERNING EQUIPMENT USED IN  
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RANGER COURSE IS CONTAINED IN INFO SHEET NO. 2.  
PRIMARY WEAPONS USED ARE M16A RIFLE AND M60 MACHINE GUN.

4. PAGE 9 OF RANGER BROCHURE (INCLOSURE 3 OF INFO SHEET NO. 2) LISTS MINIMUM PREREQUISITES FOR RANGER COURSE. MANDATORY ENGLISH COMPREHENSION LEVEL (ECL) REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE IN RANGER COURSE IS 80. SINCE RANGER TRAINING IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS TRAINING, WAIVER OF REQUIRED ECL

WILL NOT BE GRANTED. RECOMMEND YOU CONTACT USMTM FOR ASSISTANCE IN ADMINISTERING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST AND PRELIMINARY RANGER PHYSICAL FITNESS EXAM. ALTHOUGH SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS LISTED PAGE 9 OF RANGER BROCHURE WILL NOT GUARANTEE THAT INDIVIDUALS WILL PASS PT TEST, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN ON ARRIVAL AT FORT BENNING, IT WOULD BE A STRONG INDICATION OF INDIVIDUALS ABILITY SUCCESSFULLY TO COMPLETE ENTRANCE PT TEST. FIGURES ON REJECTION RATE OF FOREIGN STU ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

5. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BOQ FEE OF \$1.00 PER DAY WHILE AT FORT BENNING BUT NOT DURING FIELD PORTION OF COURSE. MEALS AT THE OFFICER'S DINING FACILITY WILL AVERAGE \$3.00 PER DAY. RATIONS WHILE IN FIELD WILL BE APPROX. \$131. NORMAL PER DIEM RATE FOR FOREIGN TRAINEES WHILE IN THE COURSE IS TEN DOLLARS PER DAY, WHICH WILL DEFRAY BILLET CHARGE, MEALS AND PERSONAL NECESSITIES.

6. PLEASE ADVISE US IN EVENT YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFO BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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